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Sunday, June 2nd 11AM

Bethlehem Pavilion

1000 15th Ave, Longmont Colorado

This event is to help fund maintenance
of the Growing Gardens Food Project
Farm at the Church

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Every once in awhile I am reminded of an article I read—quite awhile ago, now—called, *Worship Is About More Than Personal Preferences* by Nathan Aaseng.* Usually, I think about it when someone complains about a hymn or prayer. Lately, I've been thinking about it because of our "new" Summer Schedule—which includes changing office hours to 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday and worship to one service at 9:15 a.m. This change came about by request from numerous members after we had held special "one service only" Sundays last Fall and Winter. Even though there's been overwhelming congregation support to make this change for the summer, there is this nagging question in the back of my mind: *Who won't come at 9:15 because they prefer 8:00 or 10:15?*

Church leaders—pastors, council members, secretaries, admins, and many members—spend a lot of time wondering: *What do you//they like about worship? What do you//they dislike about worship?*

Personal preference can influence worship. But, personal preference isn't the point of worship. Aaseng says that worship is simply about, "providing the body of Christ in the world with a shared encounter with God." Worship, from its very beginnings, has very little to do with what you or I like or want. It has little to do with what the congregation wants to hear or what we think any particular generation (young or old) wants to hear in worship. It has to do with God's presence among us.

Worship isn't like going through the drive-thru where everyone can pick and choose whether they want fries or onion rings, a shake or a pop, a burger or chicken fingers—and then eat it alone, listening to whatever radio station they want to, in their cars. Worship is supposed to be more like going to a family dinner and sitting with brothers and sisters and cousins and whoever they bring with them. Like that family dinner, you may not get exactly what you want at worship -- maybe you like wafers not bread or guitars not pianos or first service not second -- but you get an encounter.



My hope is that this summer we get to worship better together. That 1st Service folks and 2nd Service folks set aside time preference and come together for the feast. That when we sing the hymn you dislike, you sing for your friend who loves it, and that when we sing your hymn you sing even louder because you're bursting with joy that we're worshipping as one body of Christ.

Peace,

Rev KJC

*You can read Nathan Aaseng's piece on the Working Preacher website at:
<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?m=4377&post=3200>

June 2 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

June 9 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit and in baptism we are called children of God. We are siblings in Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

June 16 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

June 23 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

June 30 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

July 7 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Worship

July 14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

July 21 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

July 28 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

August 4 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

Worship Volunteering

Summer worship volunteer sign-up forms are open!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with Sunday worship.

Positions include: Greeters, Assisting Minister, Communion Ministers, and Ushers.

For assistance please contact: Jim W. (jnswoodruff@gmail.com) or Sabrina L.

(worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

June Sign-up
tinyurl.com/BLCJUNE2024

July Sign-up
tinyurl.com/BLCJULY2024

August Sign-up
tinyurl.com/BLCAUG2024



Blessing of the Bike's

Blessing of the Bike's (and wheels!): With summer here, there are many people of all ages riding on paths and roads. If you're one of them bring your bike (or motorcycle, tricycle, scooter, etc) to church on June 9. We'll have blessing right after church during coffee hour.



Council Meeting Minutes - Approved

May 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Thompson, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Holste called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ATTENDING: Pr. Katie Chullino, Mark Holste, Greg Schumann, Cathy Goodman, Sabrina Lee, Paul Puebla, Glenn Summers and Jaime Updegraff. **Absent:** Brian Carlson, Mike Smith and Cindy Thompson.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: led by Pr. Katie. Pr. Katie continued devotions from *May It Be So: Forty Days with the Lord's Prayer* by Justin McRoberts and Scott Erickson. She shared with Council the excerpt on "hallowed be your name".

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: approved via email and posted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

General Fund giving this month was below budget by \$2,541.25 in the month of April. General Fund expenses were over budget by \$345. The General Fund is essentially what runs the church. This month's giving was approximately \$9,115 below last April's giving, remembering Easter was in April last year.

Greg shared that the 2025 budget process has begun. He encouraged ministries to look now at the line items they need for next year's budget. He also encouraged council members that during an event, remind participants that the event is happening because of their giving to the **general fund** and to thank them for their support. Pr. Katie suggested that during the offering we celebrate the giving that is taking place. Council agreed. Beginning June 2nd, ministry chairs will share recent events and how money given to the general fund allowed these events to occur.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS: See each ministry's monthly report for details.

- **Pastor/Staff:** Pr. Katie is coordinating supply Pastors for when she is gone. Pastor Paul or Pastor Nicole are possibilities.
- **Worship:** Sabrina reminded Council Bethlehem is going to one service at 9:15 for the summer, starting May 26. Pastor Katie is going on Sabbatical for 6 weeks starting in July through August. We will probably need extra coverage during these weeks. Worship ministry is going to look at assigning an extra assistant minister during these Sundays.
- **Evangelism:** Paul asked Council to continue to remind members to wear their name tags. Upcoming events are May 26th first summer worship at 9:15 followed by a special blessing of the new mower (in honor

of George Dillan), June 2: Growing Gardens fund raiser with the Djembe Orchestra. Summer coffee dates of May 26, June 9, 16, 23 and 30 have been scheduled.

● **Faith Formation:** Jaime highlighted these upcoming events:

- Tradition/Family Sunday was a success with 47 people in attendance for the Cinco De Mayo celebration. The food was excellent, and the kids had a ball taking whacks at the pinata. Our family/tradition Sundays will resume in the fall. Our first event will be Oktoberfest.
- Senior Sunday is scheduled for May 19th second service where we will celebrate our graduating seniors.
- Our next planning meeting for the National Youth Gathering will be on June 4th from 1-4. This will be in conjunction with the youth from First Lutheran.
- Sky Ranch camp is June 16th-21st.
- VBS is scheduled for June 24th-28th.
- Blessings include two new Faith Formation members, Hillary Varas and Rick Green.

● **Missions:** Cathy shared upcoming events:

- IFG will meet on May 28 to continue a discussion on how to get to know our migrant neighbors.
- Fund raising for The Nicaragua Project preschool will begin the second week of June and continue for a month.
- Annie and Millie's Place will have a vet clinic on June 01 in our parking lot. Manna Bible study is helping with hosting and making 60 of the 100 burritos needed. Bob Lee is making the coffee. On June 22, pending council approval, a follow up clinic will be held in our parking lot. No hosting will be necessary.

Special thanks to Sandy Mickelson and Jennifer Puebla for updating the bulletin board.

● **Property:** Glenn has many maintenance item completion dates in his report. He shared that mower training was conducted and 6 members (BLC and LOC) have been trained. Upcoming projects for 2024 are:

- Electrical evaluation
- Replace two AC units
- Rekey the church
- Remove the shrubs along Pratt. Alex Holme has the equipment to remove the shrubs.
- Clean carpets
- Paint parking lines.

- Clean the stained glass in the worship center.
- **Stewardship:** Mike highlighted in his report that it appears plate giving has increased about 50% or \$1100.00 over last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Simply Bee Organics / Tyler Stellern – Use of facilities: **Greg Schumann moved that Simply Bee Organics be allowed to use the north parking lot by the gardens Fridays May - Sep from 5:30-6:30 pm and for them to coordinate these times with Tiffany. Paul Puebla seconded. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annie and Millie's Place: **Sabrina Lee moved that Annie and Millie's place be allowed to use the church parking lot on June 22 from 11 am – 2 pm for a follow-up booster clinic. Cathy Goodman seconded.** Discussion: the main clinic is June 1st and has already been approved. **Motion passed.**
- Longmont Concert Band: **Sabrina Lee moved that the Longmont Concert Band be allowed to use the Fellowship Hall to rehearse May 29th, June 5th, June 12th, and possibly June 19th 6-9 pm. Jaime Updegraff seconded.** Discussion: there may be a possible conflict with VBS training on May 29th. The group will be asked to coordinate dates with Tiffany. A concert will occur in early July during coffee hour. **Motion passed.**
- AMMPARO: Cathy shared that Mission Ministry recommends that BLC become a Welcoming Church under AMMPARO. AMMPARO stands for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. It is a commitment by the ELCA and Bethlehem is already fulfilling the 4 requirements. **Paul Puebla moved that Bethlehem Lutheran Church becoming a Welcoming Church under AMMPARO. Sabrina Lee seconded.** Discussion: None. **Motion passed.**
- Property Fund Raiser: **Glenn Summers moved a fund raiser occur for the support of a landscaping project. Sabrina Lee seconded.** Discussion: What is the landscaping project? How much is needed? Glenn said he received a quote of \$7200 for the project. He also said he is willing to give a temple talk to share the plan. So far the only part of the project that has been completed is the removal of the shrubs along Pratt thanks to equipment donated by Alex Hoime. Council is happy the shrubs have been removed due to safety/security concerns. Longmont police have commented that the shrubs are a safety concern. **Paul Puebla moved to amend**

the motion to include: the funds donated will go into the capital improvement fund, additional funds raised beyond the cost of the project will also go into the capital improvement fund.

Sabrina Lee seconded. The amendment passed. The motion as amended passed.

- **Hopi Mission Trip - Sabrina Lee moved that a pancake breakfast occur on Father's Day: Sunday, June 16 with funds designated for the Hopi Mission trip. Jaime Updegraff seconded.** Discussion: there may be a conflict as coffee hour as already been planned. The Evangelism team needs to be contacted regarding this event. **Cathy moved to amend the motion pending the head of this event contacts Wanda/Shirley or someone from the Evangelism team and clears with them that this fundraiser can occur on this date. Greg seconded the amended motion.** Discussion: none. **The amendment passed. The motion as amended passed.**
- **Resolution – Boy Scout Troop 548**
 - Council resolves that Boy Scout Troop 548, under the 501c3 of The Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, remove Matthew James from the bank account as a signer and add Gareth Knutson as a signer. Signers will be Gareth Knutson, Paul Wiggins and Christina Birrer. **Mark moved to accept this resolution. Greg seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Resolution – Cub Scout Pack 65:**
 - Council resolves that Cub Scout Pack 65, under the 501c3 of The Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, remove Nathan Miller and Matthew James from the bank account as signers and add Gareth Knutson and Kimberly Bennett as signers. Signers will be Gareth Knutson and Kimberly Bennett. **Mark moved to accept this resolution. Greg seconded. Motion passed.**

DISCUSSION:

- Mark shared thank you notes received from preschool teachers for gifts given by Council for Teacher Appreciation Day.
- Passing the plate will continue through the end of 2024.
- A joint picnic with BLC and LOC Council will be on June 11th at 6pm. Greg will do the meat. All Council members will bring a side dish to share.
- A welcome card to the newest ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod congregation: Westivew in Boulder was signed by Council members.

Council Notes (con't)

- Girl Scout Troop / Alisha James will be collecting items for garage sale in north hallway during May. Garage sale is first week in June at the James' house.
- A reminder to Council if they would like an item moved from "continuing open items" to the agenda, please let Mark know before agenda items are due. (Disaster Plan and Trip Procedures will be added to June agenda).

PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS & LORDS PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT: Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Upcoming Dates: next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 11.
Picnic at 6.00pm and Council at 7:00pm.

Member Milestones

June Anniversaries

Jun 2 **Jim & Sandy Woodruff (68)**
Jun 2 **Deanna & Roger Hebbert (51)**
Jun 3 Coqui & Mike Stetson (22)
Jun 4 Amy & Eric Zigler (14)
Jun 5 Ben & Marcie Hushka (48)
Jun 6 Brian & Marisa Carlson (15)
Jun 10 Laura & Tim Steakley (29)
Jun 11 Mark & Greta Abromski (13)
Jun 15 **Duane & Joanne Larsen (66)**
Jun 15 Neil & Amy Hebbert (11)
Jun 17 Roxanne & Mike Kessler (46)
Jun 17 Bryan & Mona Dirkes (24)
Jun 19 Don & Myrna Wiser (48)
Jun 19 Todd & Jean Propp (42)
Jun 19 Corey & Cynthia Pemberton (31)
Jun 20 Jill Haney & Antonio Osborn (32)
Jun 21 **Todd & Pam Bischoff (54)**
Jun 21 Dave & Kathy Loberg (38)
Jun 22 Ryan & Andrea Kragerud (22)
Jun 23 Jill & Justin Woodley (12)
Jun 29 Kennar & Melanie Bowman (22)
Jun 29 Dru & Jaime Updegraff (22)

July Anniversaries

Jul 1 **Garry & Barbara Gordon (57)**
Jul 3 Dan & Carolyn Kube (18)
Jul 4 Cindy & Todd Tayler (37)
Jul 4 Jake & Caitlin Tiff (5)
Jul 6 **Carl & Gail Schurman (50)**
Jul 7 Rod & DJ Christian (34)
Jul 9 **Randy & Pat Snyder (58)**
Jul 13 Joel & Carolyn Buck-Gengler (33)
Jul 13 Travis & Megan Schlagel (11)
Jul 18 **Robert & Doris Cotton (60)**
Jul 18 Duane & Diane Penny (43)
Jul 19 Alex & Laura Hoime (22)
Jul 21 Ray & Julie Leake (22)
Jul 27 Luke & Emily Kunselman (22)
Jul 30 Alex & Lydia Hebbert (12)
Jul 31 Brian & Sandy Burrell (48)
Jul 31 Aaron & Jamie Jurkovich (20)

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

June Birthdays

Jun 1 Fred Fanton
Jun 1 Don Wiser
Jun 1 Mona Dirkes
Jun 2 Roberta Fjeld
Jun 2 Drake Steakley
Jun 2 Matt Dickhans
Jun 2 Lydia Carlson
Jun 3 Sandy Frazer
Jun 4 Dale Conrad
Jun 5 Corey Pemberton
Jun 5 Morgan Davidsen
Jun 8 Scott Wiser
Jun 9 Dave Bluhm
Jun 9 Sandy Burrell
Jun 9 Pat Goecke
Jun 10 Luke Kunselman
Jun 11 Barbara Gordon
Jun 11 Clara Woodley
Jun 14 Ed Byrne
Jun 14 Todd Bischoff
Jun 15 Troy Payne
Jun 17 Esther Woodley
Jun 18 Art Holm
Jun 19 Candy Tiff
Jun 20 Haley Reed
Jun 21 Garry Gordon
Jun 21 Trevor Curtis
Jun 21 Alec Hopp
Jun 22 Marilyn Zuege
Jun 23 Logan Ditillo
Jun 23 Cassandra Lee
Jun 24 Amanda Dawson
Jun 25 Meghan Brunscheen
Jun 25 Jill Updegraff
Jun 29 Aaron Jurkovich
Jun 30 Karsen Box

July Birthdays

Jul 1 Stacia Marcoux
Jul 2 Dion Borgmann
Jul 2 Scott Hopp
Jul 2 Lacey Urbain
Jul 4 Melanie Bowman
Jul 4 Molly Ritzen
Jul 5 Karen Haag
Jul 5 Brittany Steele
Jul 6 Jacob Coulson
Jul 7 Rini Twait
Jul 7 Dawn Reed
Jul 7 Jenelle Winter
Jul 8 Arline Sahl
Jul 9 Eva Summers
Jul 9 Kirby Judson
Jul 10 Bryan Dirkes
Jul 11 Crystal Coulson
Jul 11 Nicholas Frank
Jul 14 Bobbie Goodman
Jul 14 Andrew Dawson
Jul 15 Becky Kasperbauer
Jul 16 Alex Hoime
Jul 17 Eric Ronneberg
Jul 17 Don Tiff



Jul 17 Brent Buck-Gengler
Jul 18 Kelly Neuhaus
Jul 18 Paul Puebla
Jul 20 Marcy Smith
Jul 20 Andrew Hopp
Jul 20 Reece Lahman
Jul 21 Emma Romaszewski
Jul 22 Leanna Maki
Jul 23 Laura Hoime
Jul 24 Barb Payne
Jul 25 Linda Holste
Jul 25 Steven Dawson
Jul 26 Gabriel Pemberton
Jul 29 Andrew Kessler
Jul 30 Neal Stoffer
Jul 30 Ben Hushka
Jul 30 Andrea Kragerud
Jul 31 Audrey Dillan

Keep those in your prayers

Members: Dave B., Karen H. & family, Irene M., Doris C., Jill H., Shirley K., Diana & Dick Grieve, Nancy H., Jamie A., Joanne L., Florence M., Coqui S., Paul P., Darlene B., Jan M., Kristal H., Jeremy G.; **friends and relatives of our community:** Shannon M., Nancy P., Lydia M., Nora, Joyce P., Jordan, Mike, Pete Conti, Linda S., Howard P., Shawn M., Gene W., Michael, Virginia, Victoria, John L., June D., Scarlett K., Erwin B., Donna S.; and **those serving your people:** Brett B., Michael K. Jr., Bill W.

Month of April

Income: \$ 32,774.75

Expenses: \$ 35,353.45

Net: \$ -2,578.70

YTD to Date

Income: \$136,575.51

Expenses: \$146,855.95

Net: \$ -10,280.44

Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available:

Contact Greg S. (treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net) for more information or with questions or suggestions. Printed copies of all the reports are available for review in the Fireside Room library.

Reminder: Our Summer Giving Options!

Whether you are away on vacation or just relaxing at home, now is a great time to consider switching to one of our electronic giving options. That way, Bethlehem can continue all the many activities that we support during the summer—no matter who is on vacation, busy with family activities, or just taking a break! Online giving lets you go to our website at any time 24/7 where you can: choose and set up an automatic donation plan; change your donation plan; make a one-time donation, pay a registration fee, give to current mission projects; contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, or view your online donation history. Here are our current options for making electronic donations to BLC:

1. To make an online web donation (one time or recurring), go to the [Donate web page](#) and click on the Online Giving icon to access our secure giving page and then follow the instructions. Detailed instructions are also available on the [website Donate page](#).
2. Use the Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone to make either single or recurring donations. Type in Bethlehem Lutheran Church or use the code AUTHZY to find our church (look for our logo). Vanco Mobile can be downloaded for either Apple iOS or Android; detailed instructions and links are on the [Donate web page](#).
3. For recurring donations, another option is to download the [BLC Vanco Enrollment form](#) or get a copy from the BLC Office, complete and sign the form, and return with a voided check to the BLC office with Attention: Financial Secretary. The financial secretary will set up an account for you per your instructions on the form.

Of course you can also mail or drop off a check or cash to the BLC office (Attention: Financial Secretary, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501).

If you have any questions about either our giving or pledging options, please contact our financial secretary (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net or leave a message at 303-776-3290).

Welcome to Our New Financial Secretary

As of July 1, 2024, we welcome our new Financial Secretary, Linda Holste. Linda has graciously agreed to assume this position and has been working hard the past year to get familiar with all the many aspects related to this work. Jenny is “retiring” from the position after eight years and is very grateful to be handing over this part of her volunteer work for BLC. Please congratulate Linda and thank her for accepting this important role! Linda can be reached at the financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net email address or by calling the office and leaving a message.

From the desk of the Faith Formation Director Gary:

Romans 15:7 states, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." How does God welcome us? With open arms and invites us into an amazing incarnational relationship. How do we invite people to be with us in our Faith Journey? We ask them to come and participate in events at BLC! Jesus welcomed everyone from all walks of life, be the olive branch for someone you know. This year bring HOPE, PEACE, LOVE and JOY to someone's Life.

God's Peace and Love!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

National Youth Gathering: Our senior high youth that will be going to New Orleans this year for the National Youth Gathering will meet on June 4 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

The theme for this is "Created to Be." Our scripture is surrounded by Psalm 139. If you would like to write a prayer for me to say for our group while at the National Youth Gathering, please email it to Gary at (gary@bethlehem-lutheran.net)



Children Sunday School will be held at periodic times throughout the summer, please watch your emails each week for details.

Honoring our graduating seniors! We honored our three graduating seniors on May 19; they were presented a quilt and a Book of Promises that they can use for guidance in their next adventure in life. Our Graduates were Jackson Updegraff, Cole Corner and Anna Kragerud. If you see them around church congratulate them on their accomplishment.



Ministry Calendar of Events is located on the wall next to the youth room. Please see it for information of dates and times of activities.

Confirmation please watch your emails for events happening during the summer.



VBS registration ends June 2!

Donations Needed!

We will need specific items donated to make our VBS a success! The first week of June look for tags of these items in the narthex. We have almost 50 youth registered!

VBS is June 24 - 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more info visit bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs



Living Our Faith in the Community: Member Hi-Light.

Bethlehem has members who volunteer in the wider community both through programs within our church and outside of it. If you do, or know someone who does, please contact Mission Chair, Cathy G. We would like to know how members are living out their faith through volunteerism and if you are willing, we would like to highlight the person and the organization or community that benefits.

Carolyn Bloemker

Prayer Shawls -- Cast on 65 stitches and knit 3, pearl 3 using Lyon Brand yarn and number 13 needles. This is the pattern for a Prayer Shawl!

I first learned about Prayer Shawls at a meeting at our church for "Knitting for Peace"! Nancy Habegger, Irene Marconnet, Nancy McLeod, Arline Sahl, Bev Berry, Estelle Goode, Margo Hoffmeyer, and several other members knew about this group lead by Barbara Olander from Light of Christ. They knit their little fingers to the bone!

After their project is finished, a little card is sent with the shawl with a blessing and given to whomever needs a lift in their lives, especially after a birth or death.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
(knit 3, pearl 3, knit 3)

Join us 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May. Everyone is welcome!



Our Center Lunch

BLC will prepare and serve lunch at the Our Center on **Sunday, June 30**. If have any questions please contact Mark H at holstemarka@outlook.com or president@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Habitat Build Day

We will be continuing to build the 12 new homes at the Sugar Mill site on **Saturday, June 29**. Please sign up on the notice board on the west wall of the narthex. Thank you.



Thank you to our Girl Scouts Troop 76091!

Your willingness to have a food drive for the Little Pantry was awesome! It helped us get the summer started to help feed those in need. They sent out 1,400 flyers and then went back and collected. Thank you scouts - you are great!! --Sue

To Serve

New Beginnings

One thing that makes New Beginnings unique is that we are our own congregation that happens to meet on the inside. Which means, we have our own leadership team, comprised of the Inside and Outside Council. The Inside Council is made up of these amazing residents, who are the hands and feet of the Church on the inside. A photo of the whole Inside Council that can be shared with our supporters in rare! So, here they are along with Pr. Samm, Pr. Nadia, and our fabulous musician, Sarah Adams.

The Reentry Initiative (TRI)

TRI is proud to be a second-chance employer. We have two peers running the case management program for folks who are newly out of prison. Their input, guidance, and active involvement is instrumental in the efficacy of our programs. Join us online for this free event on June 3 at 12:00 p.m. to hear first hand how Peers are pivotal to our success. Full Link to registration: <https://reentryinitiative-bloom.kindful.com/e/june-lunch-on-line>

Cub Scouts Fundraiser!

Pack 65 are hosting a spirit night at our Jersey Mike's Subs on **June 11** from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (1729 N Main Street). Come on down and 25% of your bill will be donated to the pack!!! We hope to see you there!!!!



Summer Coffee Hour

The Neighborhood Groups will be providing goodies and clean-up after the 9:15 a.m. summer service.

Please bring with coffee cakes, donuts, fruit, deviled eggs, bagels, and other morning treats when your Neighborhood Shepherd contacts you.

- June 2 – Fundraiser Event
- June 9 – Red
- June 16 – Pancake Breakfast
- June 23 – Orange
- June 30 – Purple
- July 7 – Teal
- July 14 – Pink
- July 21 – Red
- July 28 – Gold
- August 4 – Orange
- August 11 – Purple
- August 18 – Teal
- August 25 – Red
- September 1 – Gold



Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, June 16** bring your father to breakfast!! We'll be serving from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and again after service from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

This is a fundraiser for our Mission Trip with LOC in late August. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$5 for children. These tickets will be sold Sunday June 2, Sunday June 9, and Sunday June 16 at the door.

Change a Child's Life

You have an opportunity to transform a child's life.

Everyday 85 children in Somoto, Nicaragua have their lives transformed through our children's center. They are provided food, loving Christian education, and safety as their parents work their \$1.00 a day jobs.

\$1.50 feeds one child two meals and two snacks for a school day.

\$50 feeds 33 children two meals and two snacks for 3 days.

\$100 feeds 66 children for 3 days.

\$250 feeds all 85 children for 5 days

\$500 feeds all the children for 10 days

\$1200 feeds all the children at the children's center for a month

Checks should be written to: Bethlehem-Nicaragua and put in the offering plate or sent to the office OR donate online: <https://secure.myvancol.com/L-YXX6/home>. Scroll to the tiles and click on the Nicaragua Project, then click on "Donate Now".

The children all say "Gracias".



Johnny's Life Will Never Be the Same

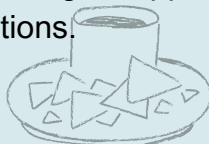
When Johnny was two years old, his mother abandoned him, leaving him with his father and grandmother, Angelica. The only work his father could find was combing the streets of Somoto from dawn to dusk, picking up recyclables and turning them in for 75 cents to a \$1.50 per day. His income provided only a small amount of food for Johnny and the family. As a result, Johnny became weak, malnourished, and stunted in growth. When Marta and Candida in our children's project found him over a year ago, he would lying down on the playground, too weak and depressed to engage with the

others playing around him. Six months ago, after receiving two meals and additional snacks every day, he was still depressed. However, he started to stand up during outdoor play time and shot up in height. Today, he is a lively preschooler, playing, laughing, and in good health. Just look at the picture from 6 months ago when he had already improved and compare it to the picture now! Thank you SO MUCH for your donations that changes the lives of Johnny and 85 others.



First Friday

We'll meet on **June 7** at 6:00 p.m. at Marcy & Dennis Smith home (2106 Squires Street). On **July 12** at 6:00 p.m. we'll meet at Jane & Roger Lahman's home (1907 Creekside Dr). Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. Contact Shirley K. with questions.



Naomi Circle

Our June meeting will be an Ice Cream Get-Together with Manna Bible Study on **Tuesday, June 11** from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Stable. We will not be meeting in July.

Our membership is open to all who are interested in joining us. Please contact Linda H. (holstell@outlook.com) or Sue S. (suesmith512@msn.com) for further information.

Manna Bible Study

We meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. for discussion and would love to have you join us. Please contact Phyllis W. (pkwright1360@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Bethlehem Book Club

The Bethlehem Book Club welcomes anyone who likes to read and discuss! We will meet on **June 13** at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to discuss *The River We Remember* (f) by William Kent Krueger. On **July 11** at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom we will be discussing *Healing: When A Nurse Becomes A Patient* (nf) by Theresa Brown. Please contact Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to join and be put on the email list to receive notifications and zoom links. We always have stimulating discussions in this great group!



Quilting Group

We meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and would love to see you there! You don't need any experience. Join us for an enjoyable morning and perhaps to learn something new!

Music Ambassadors

We sing at the Atria on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. We invite everyone to join us – if you can or can't sing, young or old. The residents appreciate and enjoy the visits. Schedule: **June 9 and July 14**

Brewsdays!

Tuesday Morning

Brewsdays are a great way to meet people and to ask questions about church, faith, and life. Come and go as you need to, bring a friend if you'd like to. We meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.

- June 11 at BLC
- July 2 at Luna Cafe
- July 16 at TBD



Men's Ministry

Coming to BLC in October 2024! If you are interested in a men's ministry here at BLC, we invite you to join us. We will meet once a month for breakfast, devotional and wonderful discussion. Let Gary know if you are interested at gary@bethlehem-lutheran.net



June Events

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Staff Meeting: Mondays, 9:15 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Annie & Millie Place Clinic: June 1, 10:00 a.m.
- Growing Gardens Fundraiser: June 2, 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Gathering Meeting: June 4, 1:00 p.m.
- First Friday: June 7. 6:00 p.m.
- Blessing of the Bikes: June 9, 10:15 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: June 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Naomi Circle: June 11, 10:00 a.m.
- 11th Hour Project: June 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting: June 11 , 7:00 p.m.
- Book Club: June 13, 9:00 a.m.
- Youth Camp: June 16-22
- Pancake Breakfast: June 16, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Outdoor Worship: June 16, 9:15 a.m.
- Evangelism Meeting: June 18, 6:00 p.m.
- Safety Team Meeting: June 20, 7:00 p.m.
- Janice Fisher-Miles Memorial: June 22, 9:00 a.m.
- Annie & Millie's Place Follow-up Clinic: June 22, 11:00 a.m.
- Vacation Bible School: June 24-28
- Immigration Focus Group: June 25, 7:00 a.m.
- Habitat Build Day: June 29
- Our Center Lunch: June 30, 10:00 a.m.

July Events

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour: Sunday, 10:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Staff Meeting: Mondays, 9:15 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Office Closed: July 4 & 5
- Council Meeting: July 9 , 7:00 p.m.
- Book Club: July 11, 9:00 a.m.
- 11th Hour Project: July 11, 11:00 a.m.
- First Friday: July 12. 6:00 p.m.
- Music Ambassadors: July 14, 11:30 a.m.
- National Youth Gathering: July 14-22
- Evangelism Meeting: July 16, 6:00 p.m.
- Outdoor Worship: July 21, 9:15 a.m.
- Pastor Katie Sabbatical: July 22-September 3
- Faith Formation Meeting: July 28, 11:30 a.m.



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Return service requested

Worship Services

Sundays
9:15 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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